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SUBJECT: PREPARATION FOR OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING--
PARAGRAPH RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN DRAFT
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1. SUMMARY: MEETING ON DEVELOPMENT ASPECTS OF DRAFT COMMUNIQUE HELD MAY 22 IN PREPARATION FOR MINISTERIAL MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. PRIOR TO MEETING ON AFTERNOON MAY 22 ON SUBJECT, SECRETARIAT PRESENTED REDRAFT OF THIS SECTION AS FOLLOWS:

"8. DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. MINISTERS NOTED THAT MEMBERS OF THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE (DAC) OF THE OECD WILL MAKE STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN AND ENLARGE IN REAL TERMS THE FLOW OF THEIR OFFICIAL DEVELOP-MENT ASSISTANCE. MINISTERS ALSO DECLARED THEIR INTENTION TO CONTRIBUTE IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY TO THE IMPLEMENTATION
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OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT.

"9. MINISTERS EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE ACUTE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH LOW PER CAPITA INCOME WHICH ARE SEVERELY AFFECTED BY THE INCREASES IN THE PRICES OF OIL AND OTHER ESSENTIAL IMPORTS. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL INDICATED THAT APPROPRIATE ACTION, IN LINE WITH THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, BY THE DAC MEMBERS WOULD BE SPECIAL RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO THOSE COUNTRIES OF THE ORDER OF $1.5 BILLION OVER THE NEXT 18 MONTHS.

"10. MINISTERS OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF DAC AGREED, IN THE LIGHT OF THIS ASSESSMENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, TO MAKE URGENT EFFORTS TO PROVIDE SPECIAL RELIEF TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A CRITICAL SITUATION, BILATERALLY AND WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. THE DAC WILL HOLD, IN THE NEAR FUTURE, A SPECIAL HIGH-LEVEL MEETING TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF RELIEF EFFORTS UNDER WAY AND ANY FURTHER STEPS WHICH MAY BE APPROPRIATE. MINISTERS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO WILL SUPPLEMENT, BY CORRESPONDING AID EFFORTS, THE ACTION BY DAC MEMBERS.

"11. MINISTERS AGREED THAT ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT SHIPMENTS OF FERTILIZERS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH URGENT NEEDS ARE MAINTAINED AT THEIR PREVIOUS LEVEL AND THAT, THROUGH FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, ENCOURAGEMENT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO INCREASED PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

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3. REDRAFT CONTAINS SAME PROBLEMS ADDRESSED IN REFTEL AND U.S. DELEGATE INTERVENED AS PER REFTEL. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE DUTCH, U.K. AND JAPAN, OTHER DELEGATIONS FAVORED ELIMINATION OF MONETARY FIGURE. SWEDEN, CANADA, GERMANY, FRANCE, NORWAY AND ITALY GENERALLY TOOK THE SAME LINE AS THAT OF U.S. ANOTHER CONTROVERSIAL ITEM WAS THE NEED FOR AN EARLY MEETING OF A HIGH-LEVEL DAC GROUP AS SET FORTH IN PARA. 10. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE DUTCH AND THE U.K., OTHER SPEAKERS WERE OF THE VIEW THAT IT WAS INADVISABLE TO HAVE SUCH A MEETING BEFORE SEPTEMBER.

4. ANOTHER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THIS SUBJECT ON MONDAY, MAY 27. SECRETARY GENERAL HOPES THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS WILL JOIN SMALL GROUP IN FAVOR OF SPECIFIC FIGURE WHICH IS NOW PRESENTED IN THE CONTEXT OF A SECRETARY GENERAL RECOMMENDATION. NOTE THAT JAPAN AND
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THE U.K. HAVE NOW JOINED THE DUTCH IN FAVOR THIS COURSE OF ACTION. THE REVIEW ON THE 27TH WILL FOCUS ON TEXT OUTLINED ABOVE ALTHOUGH PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS TODAY REVEALED THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF CHANGES MADE PRIOR TO MINISTERIAL MEETING.

5. IN ADDITION TO VIEWS OF SECRETARY GENERAL, CHAIRMAN OF DAC WILLIAMS HAS APPROACHED BOTH MOSSLER AND MYSELF TO URGE MORE POSITIVE U.S. ATTITUDE. HE FINDS OUR POSITION, AS EXPRESSED IN DRAFT LANGUAGE REFTEL, MOST NEGATIVE OF ANY DAC MEMBER. MISSION ASKS WASHINGTON TO REVIEW U.S. POSITION IN LIGHT WILLIAMS' COMMENTS AND IN

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VIEW PLIGHT OF MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES.
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